## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA BRUNSWICK DIVISION

EMMA JANE PROSPERO,

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION FILE

VS.

NO.: 2:20-cv-110

DEPUTY RYAN SULLIVAN and LT. RUSSELL PRESCOTT, current employees of the Camden County Sheriff's Office who are sued in their individual capacities,

Defendants.

EXHIBIT A

VOLUME 2

**DEPOSITION OF** 

**EMMA JANE PROSPERO** 

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329 "Good, you're dead" in response to a conversation about signing a medical authorization form; true? Do you know Mike's last name? that that statement caused you emotional trauma and

5 Α. I don't think so. 6 Q. And as I understand it -- and I don't need 7 an explanation. I just need to know do you believe

injury?

- Α. Yes. Definitely. Yes.
- Q. You've also said that somebody was talking to you about needing to get a mental health evaluation. Was that Mike?
- Α. He was trying to trick me to sign the papers. There was one paper here.
  - Q. That's not my what I'm asking.
  - Α. Okay.

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- I'm asking about you've alleged that Q. somebody --
  - Α. It was more than one person.
- Q. Okay. And can you identify those people that were telling you you needed to get a mental health evaluation?
- They came in and cornered me in the jail right before I was to see --

- Q. I just need you to identify those people.
- A. It was just two people came and cornered me in the -- and they said I've been randomly selected --
  - MS. NORINS: He just wants to know do you know who they were, their names.
  - A. I don't know their names.
  - Q. (By Mr. Watkins) Okay. Thank you.
  - A. Okay.

- Q. And did that experience cause you emotional trauma and injury?
  - A. Yes. It scared me to death.
- Q. Okay. You've identified Jim Kelly as the person that you believe intentionally tried to poison you; is that correct?
- A. I said that he was outside and clicking and spraying the door. I don't know who did the room. I don't know who did the -- all the chemicals coming all over the room that I looked up to the right and saw.
- Q. Okay. Thank you. So there were -- you believe that there were two separate incidents that may have led you to have some injury. One, the spraying of the room; is that right? And, two, the pumping of stuff into the room?

- A. It wasn't just two. I was falsely arrested and taken against my will. So it was many, many things.
- Q. Okay. Let me redirect you. I'm only talking about this allegation of the chemicals being put into the cell. That's all I'm asking about.
  - A. Okay.

- Q. I just want to understand who was involved in this. You've alleged that you believe Jim Kelly was involved in that; correct?
  - A. He -- I saw him face-to-face.
  - Q. So is that a "yes" then?
- A. Involved in what? Because you said "in that." So . . .
- Q. Well, no. I said in putting chemicals in the room that caused you some injury.
- A. All I know is he was standing at the door and he was there when the blue and white hose was, and I heard the clicking and the spraying. So I don't know if he did the inside, but he was standing there right with the blue hose. And when the blue hose was looped under my door, and I saw the silver machine.
- Q. Yes or no, do you believe he was responsible in some way for putting some chemicals

into your cell?

- A. There was something at my -- he was the one that was doing it at the door when the girl came up and said, "What are you doing and why are you doing that?"
- Q. Sure. Okay. He was the one doing it at the door. Do you know the identity of anybody else involved in putting chemicals into your cell?
- A. All I know is the little girl with the ponytail took me to the -- after they said -- after Mike clapped his hands and good -- he goes, "Good, you're dead" and rolled his chair back like he wouldn't help me and resuscitate me if I had a problem in there, when I --

MR. WATKINS: Okay. I'm going to object to the responsiveness of the question.

- A. Okay.
- Q. (By Mr. Watkins) I'm just asking you simply do you know anyone else other than

  Jim Kelly --
  - A. Right.
- Q. -- who was responsible for putting chemicals into your cell?
- A. Right. I don't know the people's names that were there.

333 1 Q. That's all I was asking. 2 Okay. Can I -- I do want to --Α. 3 MS. NORINS: No. Just wait for a 4 question. 5 THE WITNESS: Okay. 6 Q. (By Mr. Watkins) You do allege that the 7 putting of chemicals in your cell caused you serious 8 physical and emotional injury; is that fair? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Q. Okay. You've alleged that an Officer 11 Doe --12 Α. Doe. 13 -- and this is in Dr. Chapman's report, Q. 14 but there's a reference to Officer Doe or Deputy Doe 15 broke some glasses of yours. 16 Α. I never said Officer Doe. 17 MS. NORINS: No. Let me explain or I can. 18 So Doe is just a placeholder if you don't know 19 someone's name. 20 THE WITNESS: Oh, you. Okay. Got it. Got it. 21 22 MR. WATKINS: Okay. 23 THE WITNESS: Okay. 24 Q. (By Mr. Watkins) So it's alleged that 25 there was a mean person at the jail?

1 A. It was a lady.

- Q. A lady. And that she broke glasses and wouldn't give you contact solution; is that correct?
- A. There was several people that wouldn't give me any. But when they were booking me, she broke my \$916 glasses.
- Q. Okay. But my only question is do you know the identity of that person?
  - A. No. She was standing by Eason.
- Q. Okay. And you're alleging that that issue with not getting contact solution and breaking your glasses caused you emotional and physical injury?
- A. Of course. I can't see without my glasses. I can't even see the big "E" on the eye test without my glasses or contacts. And they wouldn't let me take out my contacts. I begged. I said I can't leave my contacts in.
- Q. You've also alleged that some person told you when you were at your bail hearing that if you were to get a lawyer, then the hearing would be postponed. Do you recall that allegation?

MS. NORINS: Objection to the form. I don't think that's quite how it was phrased, but . . .

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A. Go ahead.

376 1 typed it? 2 Α. Correct. 3 Q. Okay. You're asking in this lawsuit to be 4 awarded money damages. You know that; right? 5 Α. I could -- I didn't know if I could get 6 people arrested and out of their positions. And, yes. Yes. 7 8 Q. Okay. And what are you asking the jury --9 what amount are you asking the jury to award you in 10 this case? 11 Α. A fair amount that covers my health issues 12 now that I can't work like I used to did -- or I used to do. 13 14 Q. Okay. What amount is that? 15 Α. I've seen like -- I don't know. I mean, 16 just -- it would be a lot of money to take care of me 17 over the years now that my -- I can't work like I 18 used to. 19 Q. Over --I mean --20 Α. Over \$50,000? 21 Q. 22 Α. Oh, yeah. I mean, I couldn't live on 23 \$50,000 for years. Over a hundred thousand dollars? 24 Q. 25 Α. I don't know. Like the Louis case. Ι

mean, it goes way up to even he said 22 million.

- Q. You would be okay with being awarded \$22 million?
- A. Of course. I'd give it to charity. I give some -- I could give to people and help people. That's what I love doing.
  - Q. Okay.

- A. But I would save some for me this time. I would save some for me for my health.
  - Q. How much would you save for yourself?
- A. More than what I've done in the past. I give everything away.
- Q. Okay. When you were talking with the social security disability folks, do you recall explaining to them that you were desperately in need of money?
  - A. Yes, because I give too much to people.
- Q. Okay. Because you give too much to people?
- A. Because I'm sick now and I can't work my jobs.
- Q. Who was the last -- do we need to go off the record?
  - A. No.
  - Q. Who was the last charity that you gave